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HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, \$7,500,000
RESERVE FUND, \$3,900,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS, \$7,500,000

COUNCIL OF DIRECTORS.

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HONGKONG, Interest ALLOWED.

Our Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits:

For 3 months 3 per cent. per annum.

6 " 4 per cent.

12 " 5 per cent.

Local Bills Discounted.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, September 20, 1887. 363

NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

1. The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10 to 1.

2. Some less than \$1, or more than \$250 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$2,500 in any one year.

3. Depositors in the Savings Bank having \$100 or more on their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.

4. Interest at the rate of 3% per cent. per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.

5. Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves, in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, at the beginning of January and beginning of July.

6. Correspondence as to the business of the Bank is directed on Hongkong Savings Bank business is forwarded free to the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.

7. Withdrawals may be made on demand, with the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, September 1, 1887. 754

NOTICES OF FIRMS.

TAKASIMA COLLIERY AGENCY.

NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day RESUMED CHARGE

of the above AGENCY.

H. J. H. TRIPP.

Hongkong, September 20, 1887. 1832

NOTICE.

SHAIKALLY FAZUALLY beg to

give Notice that he has This Day

Disposed of his BUSINESS and the whole of

his Stock of MILLINERY, DRAPERY, &c., to

Messrs. STRINGER & Co., of 117, Queen's

Road, who will carry on the BUSINESS in

their own Name at 6 & 8, Peel Street and

Wellington Street.

Hongkong, September 1, 1887.

NOTICE.

MESSES. STRINGER & Co. having

This Day PURCHASED the

STOCK-IN-TRADE of SHAIKALLY

FAZUALLY: MILLINERY, DRAPERY, &c.,

of 6 & 8, Peel Street and Wellington

Street, beg to intimate their intention of

removing the whole of their present Stock

from 117 Queen's Road to the above men-

tioned Streets, where they intend in

future to carry on Business.

Hongkong, September 1, 1887. 1730

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

WE Have authorized Mr. A. MACLIVY-MONT to SIGN the Name of our Firm for Preparation from this date.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Hongkong, September 1, 1887. 1676

NOTICE.

THE PARTNERSHIP existing between Mr. KENNETH DOUGLAS ADAMS and Mr. JAMES LYON PLAYFAIR SANDERSON, at Foochow, Canton, Macao and London, under the Style of BIRLEY & CO., EXPIRED on 24th February last through omission of time.

Referring to the above Notice, the BUSINESS at Foochow, is being carried on by Mr. JAMES LYON PLAYFAIR SANDERSON, under the Style of

SANDERSON & Co.

Hongkong, September, 1887. 1636

Intimations.

NOTICE.

HER MOST GRACIOUS MAJESTY'S JUBILEE.

IT having been decided to CELEBRATE HER MAJESTY'S JUBILEE on WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY, the 9th and 10th November, all MEMBERS of the COMMUNITY are invited to Co-operate with the JUBILEE COMMITTEE by ILLUMINATING their OFFICES and PRIVATE RESIDENCES.

By Order,
J. H. STEWART-LOCKHART,
Honorary Secretary,
Hongkong, September 15, 1887. 1706

WANTED.

A EUROPEAN WOMAN, to take charge of Three Children, 8, 6 and 4 years of age, to A. B. C., care of China Manager.

Apply to

Hongkong, August 1, 1887. 1439

HONGKONG AND WHAMPoa DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

CONTRIBUTING SHAREHOLDERS are requested to send in a STATEMENT of Business Contributed during the Year ended 31st June, 1887, on or before the 30th Instant, on which date the Accounts will be Closed.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
DAVID GILLIES,
Secretary.

Hongkong, September 15, 1887. 1705

POSTPONEMENT OF MEETING OF MARINE LOT-HOLDERS.

M. R. C. P. CHATER gives Notice to the ATTORNEYS and AGENTS of absent MARINE LOT-HOLDERS that the MEETING proposed to be held at the City Hall on SATURDAY next, the 17th Instant, CANNOT, with due regard to the important Interests concerned, be USEFULLY held on that day, and he begs that the MARINE LOT-HOLDERS and their REPRESENTATIVES will MEET HIM at the same place on SATURDAY, the 1st OCTOBER next, at 2.30 p.m., instead of on the day originally appointed.

Mr. CHATER has, in response to his invitation, received many valuable Suggestions and Amendments and has been prompted many more, and he needs further time to examine them and to obtain the views of the Government thereon.

Hongkong, September 10, 1887. 1807

NOTICE.

M. R. C. P. CHATER invites the OWNERS and the ATTORNEYS or AGENTS of absent MARINE LOT-HOLDERS to the SWIMMING BATH, to MEET HIM in the CRY HALL, on SATURDAY, the 1st OCTOBER, at 2.30 p.m., for the purpose of considering and discussing the Project for the Reclamation of the Foreshore extending from the Gas Works to the Swimming Bath, submitted by him to the Government in his letter to the Acting Colonial Secretary of the 13th July, 1887, and approved of by the Government with certain conditions and limitations as set forth in the Acting Colonial Secretary's letter to Mr. CHATES of the 11th August last.

These Letters were published in the local paper on Friday and Saturday, the 12th and 13th August, and copies of them and of this invitation have been posted to every MARINE LOT-HOLDERS residing in the Colony, and to the ATTORNEYS of every absent MARINE LOT-HOLDERS whose name and address could be ascertained.

The Plan, dated 6th August last, referred to in the Acting Colonial Secretary's letter is, from this date, on exhibition in the room of the Chamber of Commerce at the City Hall, and is open to the inspection of all persons interested.

It shows the maximum quantity of re-claimed land to which each MARINE LOT-HOLDERS will be entitled under the scheme.

Mr. C. P. CHATER will be pleased to receive communications in writing from all persons interested, embodying—

(a) Objections to the scheme in whole or part.

(b) Suggestions for its improvement or amendment in any direction.

(c) Pointing out any matters in connection therewith that stand in need of explanation or development.

Mr. CHATER invites these communications that, in his capacity as intermediary between the Government and the LOT-HOLDERS, and to enable him to serve both parties, he may have an opportunity before the Meeting on the 1st October, of submitting any alterations or modifications to the Government, and to be in a better position at the meeting to answer questions, and discuss the amendments that may be proposed.

Owners of MARINE LOTS and ATTORNEYS or AGENTS of Owners who have not received the Circular letter and copy of the Plan, are requested to apply to him, once Mr. C. P. CHATER, stating the numbers of the lots for which they are agents, when copies will be forwarded without delay.

Hongkong, September 1, 1887. 1702

NOTICE.

MESSES. STRINGER & Co. having

This Day PURCHASED the

STOCK-IN-TRADE of SHAIKALLY

FAZUALLY: MILLINERY, DRAPERY, &c.,

of 6 & 8, Peel Street and Wellington

Street, beg to intimate their intention of

removing the whole of their present Stock

from 117 Queen's Road to the above men-

tioned Streets, where they intend in

future to carry on Business.

Hongkong, September 1, 1887. 1730

Business Notices.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

HAVE JUST RECEIVED

New Consignments

of the following—

THE 'LAMP BELGE' TABLE AND HANGING LAMPS giving a Light equal to 40 standard candles at a cost of less than a farthing per hour.

SEVERAL PRETTY DESERT and DINNER SETS, AND FAIRY LAMPS.

TOILETS SETS AND TOWELS.

Also,

SUTTON'S ENGLISH AND CALCUTTA FLOWER AND VEGETABLE SEEDS.

HOES, SPADES, RAKES, TROWELS AND SYRINGES.

LADIES' GARDENING SETS, &c.

LANE, CRAWFORD &

For Sale.

Entertainment.

FOR SALE:

THE FRENCH STEAMER
TILLISUS,
of 1,173 Tons Gross, 717 Tons Net Register,
with all her TACKLE, APPAREL,
and APPURTENANCES, as she now
lies moored in this Harbour. The
Steamer has a NEW Boiler put on her;
she was Built in 1867.

For further Particulars and Cards of In-
spection apply to:

BAT HIN-CHAN & Co.,
83, Bonded Strand West,
Hongkong, September 22, 1887. 1850

FOR SALE:

J U L E S M U M M & Co.'s
C H A M P A G N E,
Quarts..... \$20 per Case of 1 doz.
Pints..... \$21..... 2

Dubois Frères & Gérard & Co.'s,
B O U R D E A U X C L A R E T S A N D
W H I S K Y, \$7 per Case of 1 doz.

G I B B . L I V I N G S T O N & Co.,
Hongkong, July 18, 1884. 1187

Prospectus.

THE R A W A N G T I N M I N I N G
C O M P A N Y, L I M I T E D.

INCORPORATED UNDER THE "INDIAN COM-
PANIES" ACT 1860, "WHICH THE
LIABILITY OF SHAREHOLDERS
IS LIMITED."

C A P I T A L, \$125,000,
Divided into 6,250 Shares of \$20 each,
Payable as follows:

\$2 on application; \$4 on allotment; \$2
on 1st December, 1887; \$2 on 1st
February, 1888. No further
Calls to be made without a
Notice of at least one month, and
each Call not to exceed
\$2 per Share.

Directors:
JAMES GUTHRIE DAVIDSON, Esq.,
(Advocate and Solicitor), Singapore;
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THEODORE SOHST, Esq., (Merchant),
Singapore.

THOMAS SCOTT THOMSON, Esq.,
(Merchant), Singapore.

C U M B E R L E C H A R L E S N O R T H E Y,
G L A S S, Esq., (Merchant), Singapore.

LEE-KENG YONG, Esq., (Merchant),
Singapore.

YAP KWAN SENG, Esq., of Kwaiai Lum-
pung, Selangor, owner of the "Pudu",
"Siupah", "Pangimpah" and "Sung-
hoi Kryon", Tin Minas, Selangor.

Bankers:
CHARTERED MERCANTILE BANK OF
INDIA LONDON & CHINA.

Subscribers:
MESSRS. RODYK & DAVIDSON,
Singapore.

Advertisers:
ALEXANDER JAMES GUNN, Esq.,
Accountant, Singapore.

General Agents:
MESSRS. W. R. SCOTT & Co., Merchants,
Singapore.

Masters:
No. 5, COLLYER QUAY, Singapore.

THE SUBSCRIPTION LIST will be
CLOSED on the Morning of SATUR-
DAY, 1st October next. Applications for
Shares may be sent to the CHARTERED
MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LONDON &
CHINA, Singapore. Copies of Prospectus
and Forms of Application can be obtained
from the Bank's Branch in Hongkong.
1st September, 1887. 1860

Notices to Consignees,
FROM ANTWERP, PENANG AND
SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship *Waburg*, Capt. Scott,
having arrived from the above Ports,
Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested
to send in their Bills of Lading for counter-
signature by the Undersigned, and to take
immediate delivery of their Goods from
alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be
at once landed and stored at Consignees'
risk and expense.

SIEMSEN & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, September 19, 1887. 1820

FROM HAMBURG, PENANG AND
SINGAPORE.

THE S.S. *Elstra*, Captain MADSEN,
having arrived from the above Ports,
Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested
to send in their Bills of Lading for counter-
signature by the Undersigned, and to take
immediate delivery of their Goods from
alongside.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded—un-
less notice to the contrary be given before
Noon To-morrow, the 20th Instant.

Any Cargo impeding her discharge will be
landed into the Godowns of the Kow-
Loon Pier and Godown Co. and stored at
Consignees' risk and expense.

No Claims will be admitted after the
Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods
remaining undelivered after the 27th Inst.
will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods
are to be left in the Godowns, where they
will be examined on the 27th Inst., at 10 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

SIEMSEN & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, September 20, 1887. 1828

UNION LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON AND
PENANG.

THE Steamship *Hans*, Captain
Poiré, having arrived from the
above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby
requested to send in their Bills of Lading to
the Undersigned for countersignature, and
to take immediate delivery of their Goods
from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the
Steamer will be at once landed and stored
at Consignees' risk and expense, and no
Fire Insurance will be effected.

All Claims against the Steamer must be
presented to the Undersigned on or before
the 24th Instant, or they will not be
recognised.

RUSSELL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, September 12, 1887. 1764

To-day's Advertisements.

CITY HALL, HONGKONG.

THIS EVENING,
23rd September, 1887.

GRAND COMPLIMENTARY BENEFIT
TENDERED TO
M R. PLANTAGENET LITTLEWOOD
BY
H O N G K O N G
LADIES & GENTLEMEN
A M A T E U R S.

FOR SALE.

1850

Musical Selections..... by Signor CATTANEO.

PRO GRAMME.

Quarts..... \$20 per Case of 1 doz.

Pints..... \$21..... 2

Dubois Frères & Gérard & Co.'s,
B O U R D E A U X C L A R E T S A N D
W H I S K Y, \$7 per Case of 1 doz.

G I B B . L I V I N G S T O N & Co.,
Hongkong, July 18, 1884. 1187

FOR SALE.

1850

CIRRALED.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

F O R SHANGHAI & AMOY.

(Taking Cargo & Passengers of through rates
for NINGPO, SHIPOO, NEW-
CHWANG, TIEN-SIN, HANKOW and
Parts on the YANGTZE.)

The Co.'s Steamship
Orestes, will be
despatched as above TO-
MORROW, the 24th Inst., at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, September 23, 1887. 1809

DEPARTED.

PEKING, for Shanghai & Pekoe.

M A R I E, for Haiphong.

C A R I S T R O O K, for Nagasaki.

S E U C H U A N, for Macao.

G R E E T S, for Amoy and Shanghai.

T R A N S C O, for New York.

M A R I A N E, for Nanchang.

P A R T S on the Y A N G T S E.

The Co.'s Steamship
Orestes, will be
despatched as above TO-
MORROW, the 24th Inst., at Daylight.

Capt. Hetherington will be
on board the vessel.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

S I E M S E N & C o .
Agents.

Hongkong, September 23, 1887. 1852

P A S S E N G E R S.

DEPARTED.

P E K I N G, for Shanghai & Pekoe.

M A R I E, for Haiphong.

C A R I S T R O O K, for Nagasaki.

S E U C H U A N, for Macao.

G R E E T S, for Amoy and Shanghai.

T R A N S C O, for New York.

M A R I A N E, for Nanchang.

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MORROW, the 24th Inst., at Daylight.

Capt. Hetherington will be
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For Freight or Passage, apply to

S I E M S E N & C o .
Agents.

Hongkong, September 23, 1887. 1853

S H I P P I N G: R E P O R T S.

F O R A M O Y A N D T A M S U I.

The Co.'s Steamship
Electra, will be
despatched for the
above Ports TO-MORROW, the 24th Inst., at
N.S.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

D O U G L A S L A P R A I K & C o .
Agents.

Hongkong, September 23, 1887. 1855

D O U G L A S S T E A M S H I P C O M P A N Y,
L I M I T E D.

F O R A M O Y A N D T A M S U I.

The Co.'s Steamship
Electra, will be
despatched for the
above Ports TO-MORROW, the 24th Inst., at
N.S.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

D O U G L A S L A P R A I K & C o .
Agents.

Hongkong, September 23, 1887. 1855

F O R S H A N G H A I.

The Co.'s Steamship
Electra, will be
despatched for the
above Port TO-MORROW, the 24th Inst., at
N.S.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

S I E M S E N & C o .
Agents.

Hongkong, September 23, 1887. 1855

A R R I V A L S.

September 22, 1887.

H E I N Z E N D U R G, German barque, 553 H.

Athens, Singapore September 7, Timor.

M Y L C H E S & C o .

September 23—

P E K I N G, British steamer, from Whampoa, Inspector.

A T H E N S, German steamer, 783 M.

Boat, put back from Soo, General—BUN

H R C H A N.

S E U C H U A N, British steamer, 313, J. Ewing

Pakho September 18, and Holloway 21.

G E N E R A L, KWON LEE LODGE.

F o r d, German steamer, 636, M. Kudsen

Newchow September 16, and Chefoo 16.

G E N E R A L, EDWARD SCHELLH A S S & C o .

T r a v e l, German steamer, 1,149, T. Russel

T a u n t September 16, and Soo 20, and Swatow

22, General—D O U G L A S S T E A M S H I P C O .

G E N E R A L, British steamer, 1,400, J. W.

B. Darke, E. N. R., Sydney August 29.

G E N E R A L, R U S S E L L & C o .

T r a v e l, German steamer, 565, E.

S C H U S S, Shanghai September 16, Cable.

It is that the revenues of this Colony are in such a position that they can stand the vote for the sum of \$25,000. I may say in this connection that we have reasons to be inclined to take a rather pessimistic view of our resources, but I hope now that we shall proceed to

take rather an opposite one; and that the various improvements, such as the filling up of the Happy Valley, which was proposed some years ago, as well as others, may be proceeded with, without delay. These works would undoubtedly be an immense advantage to the Colony. Still, while looking at these matters, I don't see any reason why we should not pass this vote. The other reason why I second with pleasure the motion of my hon. friend is that this is a matter on which we can go forward side by side. Hongkong has certainly kept us in the front as regards the sister colonies, and to give a lesser sum than this perhaps might look as if we were inclined to be niggardly. With regard to the expenditure of some of this money I confess that I am not at one with the opinion which has been publicly expressed that a statue of His Majesty should be erected. I, as well as several of our gentlemen in the Colony, have a different way of looking at this matter. We desire that the money that should be allotted or voted by Government should be devoted to charitable institutions. There is a great want of them in this Colony, and I only hope that the Committee will keep this in view.

I don't wish them to be extra-economic but I think out of so large a sum is \$25,000 for illuminations and justification, as the term is—something might be perhaps spared and given to help the Alice Mearin Hospital. This is an institution, and I think every body will agree with me—which is of immense advantage to the Colony over now, and as it progresses, with a Medical School in connection with it, as I believe is proposed, we shall have made a great step in the right direction. I recollect some years ago, when Mr. Bellis first introduced his Medical Scholarships, we were told by the medical man here that it would be impossible to educate a Chinese in the Colony so as to make him able to pass for any degree in medicine, and that it would be requisite to send him home. Well, Mr. Bellis' scholarships were not of such magnitudes as to admit of this being obtained, and consequently these scholarships have been apportioned in other directions. Returning to the manner in which the jubilee of Her Majesty is to be celebrated I think a handsome statue, although I am against it myself, might please a great many people here and will be doubtless an ornament to the Colony, but I would like, for my own part, to see the money spent otherwise. With these words I have to second the motion of my hon. friend the Colonial Secretary.

The vote was passed unanimously.

His Excellency—Hon. Gentleman, I am quite sure that Her Majesty, when these proceedings come to her notice, will be very much gratified at the liberal and handsome manner in which this Colony has come forward to celebrate her Jubilee. So many loyal speeches have been made from right and left, from every part of the community, that it would be perfectly impossible for me to add to those expressions. All I can say is that I shall endeavour to the best of my ability—and I have already done so—to represent that Her Majesty has no more loyal and loving subjects than she has in this Colony, or a people who are more determined to celebrate right worthily Her Majesty's Jubilee (applause).

A STREET IMPROVEMENT.

The Colonial Secretary laid on the table a report of the proceedings of the Finance Committee held on the 10th September, and moved that the sum of \$1,000 be voted for the purchase of a small corner of Island lot 24 in Queen's Road West, immediately below the hill whereon stands the Civil Hospital.

The motion was agreed to.

THE PUBLIC HEALTH BILL PASSED.

The Acting Attorney-General moved the Public Health Bill be recommitted for the purpose of making certain corrections, and the motion was agreed to. He proposed a number of alterations which were accepted. He then moved that the Bill be passed. The motion was agreed to. After the Bill had been passed the question would naturally arise when would it come into force. I believe I am right in saying that that question has not been considered either by your Excellency or by the officers of the Government. There were several considerations which would not have weighed with your Excellency, and I believe I am right in saying that no decision has yet been arrived at. But I understand that there is a general wish on the part of the unofficial members that some suspension clause should be inserted. As yet no reason has been assigned why the Ordinance should be suspended, but I believe I am right in saying that your Excellency is ready to yield to the wish of the unofficial members, and therefore I have to propose a new clause No. 86, which will run as follows:—“This Ordinance shall not come into operation until the Office Administering the Government shall notify by proclamation that it is Her Majesty's wish not to suspend the same; and thereafter it shall come into operation on such and such a day as the Government shall notify by the same or any other proclamation.”

This clause was agreed to.

The Acting Attorney-General—I beg to move the 3rd reading of a Bill entitled “The Public Health Bill.” This matter has been so often debated and the matter has been so long before the Council that I do not think that any remarks of mine are necessary in supporting the motion I now make.

The Secretary for War seconded.

Mr. MacEwan—I beg to move an amendment to this Bill. I do not say that the clause that has been accepted with reference to the suspension of the Ordinance does not meet the views I expressed in the notice I sent to the Government on the subject. The learned Attorney-General in the course of his remarks said that although the Government gave way on no reason had been given why they should do so. Sir, this is one of the most important bills that have been introduced into this Colony for many years. It affects more or less all interests. We have had various differences of opinion between the official members and the unofficial members as representing the public interest, and I think it is only reasonable that the Secretary of State should have the protests and reasons of the unofficial members of this Council before him, before that Bill passes.

I and my colleagues have upon several occasions protested against clauses that have been passed against us by the official vote of Her Majesty's Government before it comes into operation.

The amendment was then put to the meeting when there voted.

For. Against.

Mr. MacEwan. The Harbour Master.

Mr. Chater. The Surveyor General.

Mr. Bell Irving. The Colonial Treasurer.

Mr. Wong Shing. Act. Attorney-General.

Mr. Ryrie. Act. Chief Justice.—6.

The Bill was then read a third time.

A motion was then made that the Bill pass.

Mr. Ryrie thought the unofficial members should record their votes against the passing of the Bill.

A division then took place with this result—the amendment being lost by a

majority of one; and the Bill was passed.

CLOSING ADDRESS.

His Excellency then said:—

Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council.—

The time has now arrived for closing this session, and it will be for the consideration of His Excellency the Governor, Sir G. W. D'Aspre, when the Council is to resume.

The Session of 1886-1887 has been unusually prolonged for the purpose of discussing of that vexed and long-pending question—the “Public Health Ordinance,” and it is hoped you will be well repaid for your labours, when, in the course of time, the benefits conferred by this bill have practically manifested themselves and been duly recognized by the Public.

The Opium Ordinance, as far as can be seen, is fully fulfilling the anticipations of Government in improving our friendly relations with China, whilst in no way injuring the interests of the honest trader. The Ordinance has been worked healthily, with great care, either for the public welfare

or the private.

The new Viceregal College works are now well advanced, and it is anticipated that the building will be ready for occupation during the earlier portion of next year.

Unforeseen difficulties in clearing the Chinese Market of its tonnages have led to some delay in the commencement of the new Public Market, but these difficulties having now been surmounted, arrangements have been made to begin the new Market buildings early next month, when the rainy season will probably come to a close.

The tunnel under the Tytan Mountain range being now open throughout, the extension of the public Water Supply is rapidly approaching completion.

I have this day received the Secretary of State's permission, which I ask him to telegraph, to lay on the table the important report on land tenure submitted to Government by the Crown Lands Commission, which, as will be seen, has spared no pains in furnishing all the necessary information, and whose valuable suggestions will receive the most attentive consideration.

Further representations have been made to the Home Government on the necessity of some decision being arrived at on the Pyra Extension question.

With regard to the Defences of the Colony, a detailed statement was made by me, as recently as the 29th April 1887, since which progress has been satisfactorily made.

Mr. Webb has refused to withdraw from the European concert.

His Excellency—Hon. Gentleman, I am quite sure that Her Majesty, when these proceedings come to her notice, will be very much gratified at the liberal and handsome manner in which this Colony has come forward to celebrate her Jubilee. So many

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The vote was passed unanimously.

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The motion was agreed to.

THE PUBLIC HEALTH BILL PASSED.

The Acting Attorney-General moved the Public Health Bill be recommitted for the purpose of making certain corrections, and the motion was agreed to. He proposed a number of alterations which were accepted.

He then moved that the Bill be passed.

The motion was agreed to.

THE LAW CONCERNING JAIL STOCK COMPENSATION.

By Ordinance No. 20 of 1886

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The Law of Defamation and Libel has

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4. The cause of order and peace in the Colony has been further promoted by the passing.

5. An Ordinance regulating the carriage and possession of arms.

6. An Ordinance enabling Government to take steps for the suppression of the Triad and other unlawful Societies, and

7. An Ordinance for the more effectual prevention of crime by placing under police supervision all criminals who are liberated from gaol before expiry of their sentence.

The necessity of the second-mentioned Ordinance was strongly urged on the Government by a Commission which was appointed to enquire into Secret Societies, and which proved to what an extent these unlawful Societies existed here, and the power which they were enabled to exercise,—a power which they used, not only for their personal benefit, but often to the prejudice of justice by the help which they extended to criminals.

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The Premiums on land sales were estimated at \$43,000, and up till the 31st August we had received \$11,717.

The financial position of the Colony is sound. At the end of August, we had a balance of nearly \$600,000, upwards of a million dollars (\$621,447) and upwards of \$15,000, at interest in London, and \$25,000, at interest in Hongkong. Mr. Webb appeared for the plaintiff.

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